

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

CHILDREN'S FILM PROGRAM PRESENTS INTERNATIONAL FEATURE FILMS DURING WINTER/SPRING 2005 SEASON

Washington, DC- This winter and spring, the National Gallery of Art Children's Film Program will present a wide variety of feature films. The films will include classics such as **The Secret Garden** and **Black Beauty** as well as recently produced international films making their Washington, D.C. premiere. All films are free and shown in the cool comfort of the East Building Auditorium, which features stadium-style seating for 465 and a state-of-the-art wide screen.

The Children's Film Program, now in its fifth year, offers family audiences innovative film programming, enhances enjoyment of the Gallery's collections and exhibitions, and fosters an understanding of film as an art form. The Children's Film Program takes place year-round, and it aims to represent a broad range of recently produced foreign and domestic films, including live-action and animated films, short and feature length productions, and classics.

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WINTER/SPRING 2005 SCHEDULE

THE SECRET GARDEN (Agnieszka Holland, USA/UK, 1993, 102 minutes)

Saturday, January 8, 10:30 am

After losing her parents in an earthquake, young Mary Lennox is sent to England to live with her reclusive uncle. Left on her own, Mary begins exploring the estate and discovers a garden that has been locked and neglected. What other secrets of the manor will Mary uncover? Find out what happens in this magical story, based on the book by Frances Hodgson Burnett. Recommended for ages 7 and up.

MINOES (Vincent Ball, The Netherlands, 2001, 93 minutes)

Saturday, February 5, 10:30 am

Minoes, a young woman, speaks the language of cats, her favorite food is raw fish, and she likes to prowl trees and roofs at night. Can you guess why? Find out in this delightful feature-length adventure that is "purr-fect" for the whole family. Recommended for ages 7 and up, this film is in Dutch with English subtitles.

THE BOY WHO WANTED TO BE A BEAR (Jannik Hastrup, Denmark, 2002, 75 minutes)

Sunday, March 13, 11:30 am

Saturday, March 19, 10:30 am

This beautifully animated film tells the story of a boy raised by polar bears in the Arctic wild. Torn between the advantages of living as a polar bear and his roots in the human world, the boy must make a difficult decision and brave the mythical powers of the wilderness to see it through. Find out what happens as this mystical tale unfolds. Recommended for ages 8 and up, this film is in Danish with English subtitles.

DODGE-A-GO-GO! (Mitsuhiro Mihara, Japan, 2002, 82 minutes)

Thursday, April 14, 10:30 am

Monday, April 18, 10:30 am

Tuesday, April 19, 10:30 am

Sunday, April 24, 11:30 am

Yukiko's dodge ball team is not only facing an embarrassing losing streak, but her family is moving from Japan to Korea. In Seoul, she meets new friends who are able to help out her underdog dodge ball team as they gear up to face legendary rivals. Find out how the game plays out in this heartfelt, hilarious comedy. The high-energy sports scenes almost feel like a documentary film, as the camera puts you right into the action. Recommended for ages 8 and up, this film is in Japanese with English subtitles. This feature will be preceded by the animated film **Bellybutton** (Mike Nawrocki, USA, 4 minutes.).

OSEAM (Sung Baek-yeop, South Korea, 2003, 75 minutes)

Thursday, April 14, 12:30 pm

Friday, April 15, 10:30 am

Sunday, April 17, 11:30 am

Tuesday, April 19, 12:30 pm

Based on a novel by Jeong Chae-bong, this animated film tells the story of a five-year-old boy Gilson and his blind sister Gami who wander the countryside searching for their mother. By chance, the pair is discovered by monks who inhabit the hillside, and are taken under their wing in body and spirit, learning about the life and the teachings of Buddha. When Gilson decides to accompany one of the monks to a temple in the mountains, a heavy snowfall changes their circumstances, and we learn where both an outward and an inward search can lead. Recommended for ages 11 and up, this film is in Korean with English subtitles. This feature will be preceded by the short film **Passing Hearts** (Johan Brisinger, Sweden, 14minutes.).

THE BLINDGÄNGER (Bernd Sahling, Germany, 2004, 87 minutes)

Friday, April 15, 12:30 pm

Monday, April 18, 12:30 pm

Saturday, April 23, 10:30 am

Marie and Inga are musicians at heart who would give anything to win a televised talent contest. Hoping to come up with the best teenage music video, the girls form a band at their boarding school. They weather tough auditions, exhausting rehearsals, and the difficulties of being blind in a seeing world. This award-winning film celebrates the importance of friendship, perseverance, and ambitious dreams. Recommended for ages 11 and up, this film is in German with English subtitles. This feature will be preceded by the animated film **Stormy Night** (Michèle Lemieux, Canada, 10 minutes.).

BLACK BEAUTY (Caroline Thompson, USA/UK, 1994, 88 minutes)

Friday, May 13, 10:30 am

Saturday, May 14, 10:30 am

The story of Black Beauty is told by the horse himself, as he recounts his experiences with different owners. This faithful adaptation of the 1877 novel by Anna Sewell will be presented with the collaborative assistance of the seventh grade students of Eastern Middle School in Silver Spring, Maryland, who will present research and comparative studies of the book to the film. Through numerous printings and film releases, the story has served to draw attention to the relationship between humans and animals, and raised awareness about animal welfare. Recommended for ages 7 and up.

GENERAL FILM INFORMATION

The Children's Film Program takes place in the East Building Auditorium at 4th Street and Constitution Avenue NW. Seating for all events is on a first-come, first-seated basis. To ensure getting a seat, arrive at least ten minutes before show time. Programs are subject to change; for the latest information call (202) 789-3030.

Listings of children's films are updated quarterly on www.nga.gov/kids.

To obtain a free family programs calendar by mail, send an e-mail to family@nga.gov. Please include your name and mailing address.
